MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement* furnishing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

Opening of a School for Muslim Girls at Quilon.

50. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Muslims of Quilon have repeatedly prayed for an Elementary Girls' School at Quilon;

(*b*) whether they have taken any action on it; and

(*c*) whether the people have not even pointed out the site to the authorities?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Petitions praying for the opening of an Elementary School for girls at Quilon have been received from the Muslims of the place.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The people pointed out two sites but neither of them is available for the school. The Inspectress of Girls' Schools has been asked to go into the matter.

Recruitment of Muslims to the Judicial Department.

51. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the Muslim community has a real grievance as far as the recruitment to the Judicial Department is concerned?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Representations have been made to the Government that Muslims desire more appointments in the Department.

Applications from Muslims for Munsiffs' posts.

52. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that some of the qualified Muslims have applied for the posts of Munsiffs?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the affirmative.

Claims of Backward communities in the matter of Recruitment to Public Service.

53. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any truth in the statement that, in the matter of recruitment to public service, they specially consider the claims of backward communities; and

(*b*) whether they ever gave the Heads of Departments any intimation regarding preferential treatment in the case of backward communities when applications from different persons with necessary qualifications come before an officer who has the power to make appointments?

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* *Vide* Appendix II—page 78.

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